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THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN : I have already given an elaborate and detailed answer to all the supplementary questions put. But I can assure the hon. Member that the Government are as keenly interested in the enforcement of Prohibition as the hon. Member is and there is no need for my giving an assurance on this matter.

SRI P. K. GOPALAKRISHNAN : Is it a fact that licences were granted for importing about 6,700 tons of this medicine to a place where only 15 to 20 tons are required in a year?

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN : As I said before, the Government did not grant the permit. It is the Board of Revenue which has granted it. Under what circumstances, the Board did it, I am not in a position to say just now. The whole matter is being investigated. But I can say that we cannot restrict the import of any medicinal preparations into the State, as such restrictions are considered to be illegal by the High Court.

Preventive and curative measures for the death of cattle in Kollegal taluk

* 272 Q.—SRI S. C. VIRUPAKSHIAH : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of cattle that died during the last two months in the Kollegal taluk;

(*b*) the causes for the death; and

(*c*) the preventive and curative measures taken by the State Government?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : (*a*) The number of deaths on the whole is 330 for the period June and July 1956. Out of these, 8 have died due to foot-and-mouth disease. The remaining 322 are due to "other diseases".

(*b*) the causes for the death are mainly acute scarcity of food and water due to failure of rains.

(*c*) The Veterinary Disease Investigation Officer (Cattle) visited the area and investigated. The Deputy Director of Animal Husbandry, Key villages in charge of Livestock, visited the villages from 8th to 10th of August. Two hundred and one animals were treated. As there is no suitable vaccine against foot-and-mouth disease and as the mortality due to those diseases is rare, no vaccination could be taken up. The District Veterinary Officer had been instructed to send fortnightly reports on the condition and take preliminary measures against contagious diseases. Arrangements have been made to shift the cattle from one forest to another where grazing facilities may be available and to supply fodder from surplus areas. It is expected to prevent further cattle mortality.

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SRI S. C. VIRUPAKSHIAH : The figure of '330' given by the department is too low. May I know whether the cattle that died in the reserved forests has been excluded as the bulk of the cattle mortality has taken place in the reserved forests?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : I have only given the figures that I have with me.

SRI S. C. VIRUPAKSHIAH : The figure as it stands, seems to have been compiled on a villagewar basis and the bulk of the cattle died in the reserved forests. Sir, it has been noticed that the dead carcasses have been transported in a large number of lorries and it has been a flourishing trade for merchants dealing in hides and skins. Therefore, may I know whether it is not advisable to ask the concerned authorities to collect the figures for the reserved forests also?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : Whatever be the number of cattle that actually died, I may tell the hon. Member that the Government have been taking all possible measures to prevent further cattle mortality.

Tour of Acharya Vinobha Bhave

* 272-A *Q.*—SRI S. DAIVASIGAMONEY (on behalf of Sri **K.** Vinayakam) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the tour undertaken by Acharya Vinobha Bhave is a Government sponsored one;

(*b*) if so, the expenditure incurred by the Government in regard to his tour in Chingleput district and Madras City ; and

(*c*) whether the Bhoodan movement undertaken by him is in furtherance of the policy of the State Government to solve the problem of redistribution of land between "haves" and "have-nots".

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : (*a*) No, Sir.

(*b*) I need hardly say that, as far as Sri Vinobhaji is personally concerned, he expects no arrangements to be made for himself by the State Government. Nor did the Government have any occasion to incur any expenditure worth mentioning on his behalf. However, as the hon. Member will no doubt be aware, large parties of people, local as well as from outside, accompany him during his march from village to village and the Government thought it was their responsibility to extend some transport, medical, sanitary, etc., facilities wherever called for. I may also add that, at the time of the Sarvodhaya Sammelan, the All-India Basic Education Conference was also held at Kancheepuram for which the Government of Madras were the hosts. As such, we had to make the usual arrangements, including transport. For all these reasons, it is found that a sum of Rs. 1,689–4–3 was spent on transport arrangements in the Chingleput district, and